College Degree Accreditation

Office of Higher Education www.ohe.ct.gov

Accreditation is a legally-required process that ensures that the education provided by postsecondary institutions meets certain standards of quality. In selecting colleges, make sure to verify that the program and/or school you have chosen is accredited by legitimate organizations. The Office of Higher Education has compiled this list of websites to use in confirming accreditation..

Office of Higher Education – database of approved postsecondary career schools and colleges in Connecticut www.ctohe.org/HEWeb/programsearch.asp

Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium – list of accredited online courses, certificates and degrees in Connecticut www.ctdlc.org

College Navigator – explore colleges across the United States http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/

U.S. Department of Education – information about diploma mills and accreditation http://www2.ed.gov/students/prep/college/diplomamills/diploma-mills.html

U.S. Department of Education – search for accredited institutions http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx

Federal Trade Commission – information about what to look for when exploring degree programs www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0206-diploma-mills

State Higher Education Agencies www.sheeo.org/agencies.asp

Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) – list and links to accrediting organizations recognized by CHEA www.chea.org/

Regional Accrediting Offices

New England Association of Schools and Colleges – www.neasc.org

Middle States Commission on Higher Education – www.msche.org

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – www.sacscoc.org

North Central Association of Colleges and Schools – www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities – www.nwccu.org

Western Association of Schools and Colleges – www.acswasc.org